(ii) Muster Roll verification has to be done in a campaign mode arid consolidated reports sent to the Ministry.

(v) Transparency

(0 States have been directed to conduct social audit of each and every work of NREGA within three months. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council are actively participating in the Social audit. Social Audit has been done in 53911 Gram Panchayats.

(ii) A Citizen Information Board has been introduced. This board is to be displayed at all prominent places. This will enable the local community to know the works being undertaken under NREGA and would also facilitate the process of spreading awareness about the programme.

(vi) MIS

A comprehensive Web-based MIS www.nreea.nic.in has been implemented which places all data in public domain. This data pertains to workers, entitlements like registration, Job cards, muster rolls, employment demanded and provided; work data like sanctioned shelf of works, work estimates, work in progress, measurement; Financial indicators like funds available/spent, amount paid as wages, materials and administrative expenses. Data software has been engineered for cross vertification of records and for report generation.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have been received regarding implementation of NREGA. These have been forwarded to the concerned State Government for appropriate action.

Resumption of Arms Supply to Nepal

*27. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal's Army Chief visited New Delhi in December 2007, met Indian leaders and made a pitch for India resuming arms supplies to Nepal;

(b) if so, in what specific areas of arms supplies, he sought Indian arms supplies; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The Chief of Army Staff, Nepalese Army visited India from December 9-16,2007 to participate in the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. There was an exchange of views on various issues concerning India's long standing Defence Cooperation with Nepal.

SEZs in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra

†*28. SHRI DATTA
MEGHE: SHRI
SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) sanctioned for Maharashtra and the number of SEZs, out of these, to be set up in the Vidarbha region;

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(b) the sectors of industry to which the SEZs sanctioned for Vidarbha region in Maharashtra belong to; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the development of those sectors?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) In Maharashtra, 88 formal approvals have been granted under the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Act, 2005, out of which 7 Approvals are for setting up of SEZs in Vidarbha region. Formal approvals granted in Vidarbha region are for setting up of: two Multi product SEZs; Two textile SEZs; one Power generation SEZ; one Agro processing SEZ and one IT/ITES SEZ.

(c) The SEZ Rules specifically provide that the letter of approval granted to a Developer shall be valid for a period of three years, within which time effective steps shall be taken by the Developer to implement the project. Out of the seven formal approvals granted for setting up of SEZs in Vidarbha region, one multi product SEZ to be set up by the Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited (MADC) in Mihan, Nagpur and one Textile SEZ to be set up by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation in Yavatmal have been notified. Investments in the SEZs are made by the Developers and co-Developers, which can be State Government undertakings, their joint ventures and/or private persons as per the provisions of the SEZ Act. SEZ Act provides for single window clearance mechanism for the Developer and the Units, simplified procedures and fiscal incentives for the SEZ Developers and units.

Attack on North Indians in Maharashtra

*29. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) and its leader have recently launched a vicious campaign and attack on 'North Indians' living in Mumbai and other cities in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of people injured as a result of upprovoked attacks by MNS;

(c) whether it is also a fact that leader of MNS has not been arrested as yet despite the fact that F.I.R. was registered against him for encouraging attacks on North Indians and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any direction was issued to the Maharashtra Government to bring the culprits to book and, if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):(a) and (b) According to available information, in the wake of efforts by some activists of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) to create disturbances in a political rally in Mumbai on 3rd February, 2008, a number of incidents of demonstrations,

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